



The Road to Opportunity: Under Construction!



Maine Educational Opportunity Association
32nd Annual Conference
January 5-7, 2015
Black Bear Inn
Orono, ME

Welcome from the MEEOA Executive Committee

The Maine Educational Opportunity Association would like to welcome you to our 32nd Annual Conference, The Road to Opportunity: Under Construction. For over thirty years, TRIO professionals have worked collaboratively to advocate for equitable access to education, overcoming roadblocks and continuing to pave the way toward higher education. During that time there have been considerable changes in the world, but the focus of work has remained consistent - working together to provide access to opportunities in education.

We have a great team of people working together this year! MEEOA committee members have been hard at work on several projects. We have been focusing our efforts on advocacy, strengthening our alumni relations, increasing membership, strategic planning, and of course, our annual conference.

For members who have considered becoming involved in with MEEOA, this is a great time to step forward. Not only is there a tremendous amount of support and teamwork on the MEEOA board, but we have also developed a transition manual and orientation session for incoming members. If you have an interest, please let us know.

We hope you enjoy the conference as a time network, develop connections with friends and colleagues around the state, and learn more about the educational opportunity work happening in Maine. The conference is certainly a highlight for MEEOA members, and this year's conference promises to be a great experience.

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MEEOA Conference 2015 Program Schedule

Monday, January 5th		
Time	Session	Location
4:00 - 7:00 pm	Registration/Dinner on your own	TC
6:30 - 7:30 pm	Meet and greet - light deserts Welcome/Roadbed Meets Tarmac: Building Our Crew - Includes re-wards for hard labor (must be present to win!)	TC
Tuesday, January 6th		
Time	Session	Location
7:00 - 8:30 am	Breakfast on your own (Free for hotel guests)	
8:00 - 8:30 am	Open Registration (Collect Auction items) - Register Lower Level, outside TC/Auction items in TC designated area	
8:30 - 8:55 am	Welcome - Getting the Journey Started	TC
9:00 - 10:30 am	Concurrent Session 1	
	1-A. Full Speed Ahead! Using Social Media	R1
	1-B. Healthy Eating and the Brain: Building Blocks for the Road	TR
	1-C. Talking in Circles: Building Connectors Through Restorative Practices	R6
	1-D. STEM Education: Paving the Way	TC
10:30 - 10:45 am	Coffee Break sponsored by Camden National Bank	
10:45 - 12:15 pm	Concurrent Session 2	
	2-A. Potholes: Meeting the Gaps in the Road	TC
	2-B. Preparing for the GRE & Graduate Application Statement	R1
	2-C. Taking a Detour: Transition from HS to College for students with Disabilities	TR
	2-D. Transitions for Youth in Care	R6
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Lunch - Where are We Going with Student Success?	TC
1:15 - 2:00 pm	Plenary Session: Proficiency-Based Education Goes to College!	TC
2:15 - 3:45 pm	Concurrent Session 3	
	3-A. Common Core: A Work in Progress	R1
	3-B. Smoothing the Road with Google Applications	TR
	3-C. Tools for the Journey from FAME	R6
	3-D. Brain-based Learning For Low-Income Students	TC
4:00 - 5:30 pm	Self-Care	
5:30 - 6:00 pm	President's Reception/Cash Bar	TC
6:00 - 6:45 pm	Banquet Dinner	TC
6:45 - 7:30 pm	Presentation of Awards	TC
7:30 pm - close	Auction and cash bar	TC
Wednesday, January 7th		
Time	Session	Location
8:00 - 8:45 am	Maine Department of Education Update	TC
8:45 - 9:15 am	NEOA Update - Broadening Our Perspective	TC
9:15 - 9:45 am	Government Relations - COE Update	TC
9:55 - 11:10 am	Concurrent Session 4	
	4-A. Paving the Way with SALT	TC
	4-B. College Bound Veterans: Bumps and Bruises – Lessons Learned	R1
	4-C. Barriers to Completion: Recognizing and Responding to Mental Health Issues	R6
	4-D. SSS Grant writing Work Session: A Labor of Love?	TR
11:15 - 12:15	MEEOA Business Meeting	TC
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Lunch - The State of Higher Education Funding - Road for the Future in Maine?	TC
1:15 - 2:00 pm	Program Roundtables	
	EOC	R6
	ETS/GearUp	TR
	SSS	R1
	UB/UBMS	TC
	Admin. Specialists	Break Room
2:05 - 2:30 pm	Closing and Slideshow	TC

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- Legal Studies (Pre-Law)
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- Physical Therapy/Kinesiology (6-yr DPT/BS)
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Breakout Descriptions Concurrent Session 1

Tuesday, January 6

9:00 - 10:30 am

1-A: "Full Speed Ahead! Using Social Media (All)

R1

Learn how to use social media (Twitter, Pinterest, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, 4Square, SnapChat) to your advantage in creating and sustaining your professional and personal brand. Find out about which platforms are most useful for your TRIO work, how to optimize your social media usage, and how to guide your students in online citizenship. **Bring a smartphone, laptop, or other mobile device for real-time brand building and learning.** With the tools you will use, we'll be trending throughout Maine by the end of the day! #MEEOA15 #trio Facilitated by Jannie Durr, Assistant Director of Residence Life at UMPI.



Presenter(s): Jannie Durr

Jannie (said like Jay-knee) Durr serves as the Assistant Director for Residence Life at UMPI. She is also pursuing her PhD in the Higher Education Leadership program at UMaine. She can be found on twitter as @jdsunshine and is an active pinner on Pinterest. Her research focus is on the employability of students who engage in service-learning experiences. She is an active ally on the UMPI campus and is the primary organizer for the Everyone Matters anti-hate social media campaign at UMPI.

1-B: Healthy Eating and the Brain: Building Blocks for the Road (All)

TR

Our brain is a very important organ. Countless studies have shown how the brain affects our behavior, our emotions and our perceptions. When we eat on the run, boost our energy with caffeine and sugar products and skip the exercise, we're hurting not only our brain but also most other organs in our body. With the many demands life places upon us, nutrition may be last on the list. However, what and how we eat effects both physical and mental health; including our genes, hormones, immunity and even neurological functioning. Both anxiety and depression are governed by these same biological systems. Understanding the connection between our psychological and physical wellbeing, is a valuable tool. Trauma can also impact our psychological as well as our physical health and balance. Part of your work may focus on self-care, including a discussion of foods and substances that can both harm and enhance your mental health.



Presenter(s): Dr. Cheryl Pelletier; Mary LaVanway, RD, LD

Cheryl Pelletier, Ph.D. is a Clinical Psychologist who is in private practice at 115 Franklin Street in Bangor, Maine. Her new office phone is 207-942-0107. Dr. Pelletier works with Adolescents, Adults and Older Adults. Cheryl has taught in both graduate and undergraduate, university programs in Maine and Massachusetts. Dr. Pelletier also has a background in nutrition which she frequently uses as an adjunct tool in her clinical work. For more biographical information see cherylpelletier.com

Mary LaVanway is a Registered, Licensed Dietitian. She has a private practice in Hampden where she specializes in Eating Disorders and provides Medical Nutrition Therapy for all areas from wellness to illness. She is a Consultant for Acadia Hospital and co-facilitates their Eating Disorders Outpatient Program. She also consults for Hannaford Bros. Grocery Store as one of their Supermarket Dietitians.

Breakout Descriptions Concurrent Session 1, cont.

Tuesday, January 6

9:00 - 10:30 am

1-C: Talking in Circles: Building Connectors Through Restorative Practices (GU/UB/ETS)

R6

Peacemaking Circles are the foundation of Restorative Practices in schools, communities, and the justice system. Circles have the power to build relationships, solve problems, and heal wounds. Keeping circles is an intentional practice that engages all members of a group by creating space for all voices to be heard and valued equally. This workshop will explore the core elements of Circles practices, give participants an opportunity to experience a brief circle, and discuss ways that Circles can be an effective way to build community, strengthen relationships, and process a variety of difficult issues from conflict to grief to larger situations of harm.



Presenter(s): Ginny Fowles Ward

Ginny is a 14 year veteran of Bowdoin Upward Bound where she had the dumb luck to land after a brief career in social work. Seeking a new way to engage students in talking about challenging issues & behavior during the summer residential program, she fell in love with Restorative Justice practices. She finds Peacekeeping Circles to be an especially profound way to build connections among people while assuring all voices have a chance to be heard. When she's not helping kids overcome barriers to college, you will find her with her nose in a book, walking in the woods, or trying to recreate something she saw on Pinterest. A first-gen graduate of Colby College and Smith School for Social Work, she shares her life with her husband, Brandon, and their miniature schnauzer, Jack.

1-D: STEM Education: Paving the Way (GU/UB/ETS/SSS)

TC

This workshop will explore the kinds of collaborative efforts that can enhance STEM education. Presenters will discuss real life examples and discuss the positives and the pitfalls of collaborative relationships.



Presenter(s): Laurie Bragg; Kristine Hoffman

Kristine Hoffmann is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Conservation Biology. Kris grew up in a vernal pool, and is an amphibian and reptile biologist at heart. She is passionate about the salamanders she works with, as well education and outreach.

Breakout Descriptions Concurrent Session 2

Tuesday, January 6

10:45 - 12:15 pm

2-A: Potholes: Meeting the Gaps in the Road (All)

TC

How often have your students received their SAR with a "0" EFC, and then been surprised when their financial aid award didn't cover the full cost of attendance at college? Those gaps between resources available and need are growing! How can we help students meet the gaps? This panel will discuss some strategies that may help.

Presenter(s): Mila Tappen (FAME); Kate Leveille (MES Foundation); Joan Doan (Department of Labor); Catherine Philbrick (University Credit Union); Liz Ray (Parents as Scholars - DHHS)

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Breakout Descriptions Concurrent Session 2, cont.

Tuesday, January 7

10:45 - 12:15 pm

2-B: Preparing for the GRE and Graduate Application Statement (SSS/All)

R1

Overview of the format & content of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) and core strategies for preparation will be covered in this presentation. We will also look at great approaches for framing and creating a graduate application statement.



Presenter(s): Randy Schroeder

Randy has been with TRIO programs since 1997 at the University of New Hampshire. His primary role is with SSS, but he has been an instructor or group facilitator with UB for multiple Summers, runs the GRE preparation for the UNH McNair Program, and has great ties with ETS as well. Before TRIO, Randy was an academic advisor, ran a summer experiential program for aspiring teachers, and was a guidance counselor and coach at Connecticut High School. He is tremendously happy to serve as NEOA President this year and be able to work with TRIO in New England at the macro level, hoping to advance our many great causes.

2-C: Taking a Detour: Transition for HS to College for Students with Disabilities (GU/UB/ETS/SSS)

TR

This session will provide strategies to assist high school students with disabilities prepare for college. College- prep learning activities developed and used with Maine high school students will be discussed and demonstrated. Copies of resource materials will be provided to participants.



Presenter(s): Janet May

Janet currently serves as Coordinator of Transition and Adults at the Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies at the University of Maine. Interest areas include transition from high school to adult life for individuals with disabilities and community participation/volunteering. Janet is presently pursuing a masters degree in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Southern Maine.

2-D: Transitions for Youth in Care (UB,ETS,SSS)

R6

Maine is the first state in the nation to support former youth in foster care with higher education through the age of 27. The Alumni Transition Grant Program (ATGP) was established by state law (LD 1683). This new program will provide financial support to ATGP students to assist in the successful completion of a post-secondary degree or an apprenticeship program. This workshop will provide an overview of the program including eligibility and benefits.



Presenter(s): Laurie Davis

Laurie is currently the Executive Director of TRiO Programs at the University of Southern Maine, administering Upward Bound and Student Support Services. Laurie has also taught a graduate course in education at USM focused on the impact of poverty, homelessness, and foster care on student learning.

Since 2006 she has served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), a volunteer guardian ad litem for children in the foster care system. In 2013 Laurie received the "Friend of Youth in Care Award" for leadership in improving the lives of youth in care. Laurie graduated from Cornell University with a BS in Human Development and Family Studies and from the University of Southern Maine with a master's degree in Educational Leadership.

Breakout Descriptions Concurrent Session 3

Tuesday, January 7

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

3-A: Common Core: A Work in Progress (GU/ETS/SSS/UB)

R1

“One of the goals of the Common Core State Standards is graduating students who are ‘college- and career-ready.’ But where did these standards come from? Who wrote them and why? And what are the possible impacts these standards will have on TRIO programs like Student Support Services, Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search? This session will take a look at the history of the Common Core, what is happening at the state and national level, and what it might mean for TRIO.”



Presenter(s): Larry Ronco

Larry Ronco is a developmental mathematics instructor for the Liberal Studies Bridge program at the University of Maine at Farmington. A graduate of UMF now pursuing his Masters in Educational Leadership at that school, he has been teaching for over 20 years and has a deep interest in the political changes in education and the impact they will have on instruction as well as on college access.

3-B: Smoothing the Road with Google Applications (All)

TR

Still not sure what this Google thing is all about? No worries! In this workshop, student learning support professionals will experiment with Google apps including Drive, Hangouts, Mail, and Calendar, creating, sharing, commenting upon, and revising documents and appointments. See what asynchronous dialogue feels like using Google Drive; build a calendar of events and host live video-conferences with colleagues in your Google Circles; use your Gmail to keep track of your projects and participants -- it'll be fun!

In order to best participate in this interactive workshop, please have access to a laptop or another online device with Google Apps installed.



Presenter(s): Michelle Lisi

Michelle is an English and Humanities lecturer and writing services provider in the University of Maine system. She currently directs the University College Virtual Academic Writing Lab & Tutoring (VAWLT) Project, a learning resource for all distance educators on all University of Maine system campuses.

Breakout Descriptions Concurrent Session 3, cont.

Tuesday, January 7

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

3-C: Tools for the Journey from FAME (All, Esp. New Staff)

R6

Mila Tappan, College Access and Outreach Manager for FAME, will share information on the various resources available from FAME to help students of all ages (as well as those who work with them) aspire to and pay for their education high school including. Tools to be shared include presentations, trainings, webinars, publications, and information on outreach that focuses on FAFSA completion, financial literacy, and saving for college. Come join us to learn what FAME can do for you!



Presenter(s): Mila Tappan

Mila joined the Finance Authority of Maine in July 2008. She is currently the Manager of College Access and Outreach. Her areas of expertise include FAFSA completion, the financial aid process, and preparing to pay for college. She provides this information and guidance - all with an emphasis on financial literacy - to school counselors, college access professionals, financial aid professionals, students, and families. She also provides outreach and support for the NextGen College Investing Plan and Harold Alfond College Challenge Program.

Prior to joining FAME, Mila worked as an Associate Director of Financial Aid at the University of Maine, where she was employed for sixteen years. Mila was an active member of both the Maine Association of Financial Aid Administrators and the Eastern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, where she served as MASFAA President and EASFAA Leadership Committee chair. Before working in financial aid, Mila worked for the Maine State Legislature in the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis as a Research Assistant.

Mila is a graduate of the University of Maine and holds a B.A. in Public Management. Additionally, she has completed extensive master's level coursework in public administration and higher education. She lives in Bangor with her husband, Robert, and their sons, Alex, a sophomore at Northeastern, and Noah, a sophomore at Bangor High School.

3-D: Brain-based Learning for Low-Income Students (All)

TC

The field of neuroscience has a lot to teach us about how poverty impacts the brain, and how brain-based practices can lead to better student outcomes. This workshop will explore how poverty impacts development, the tenets of brain-based learning, and experiential activities that can be used with all age groups.



Presenter(s): Dr. Elyse Pratt-Ronco

Elyse is the Assistant Director of the Upward Bound program at the University of Maine at Farmington. Her research focuses on rural poverty and its impact on adolescent social and emotional development.

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Breakout Descriptions Concurrent Session 4

Wednesday, January 7

9:55 am - 11:10 am

4-A: Paving the Way with SALT (All)

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Mary Dyer, with The Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) will share how FAME has partnered with American Student Assistance (ASA) to revolutionize how Maine college-goers finance and repay their higher education costs. This session will give an overview of how SALTSM, functionally powered by ASA and administered in Maine by FAME, will offer Maine college students and alumni financial literacy training and proactive education debt management services free-of-charge. SALT is the industry-leading financial empowerment program created by ASA to improve the financial capabilities of college students and alumni, as well as to assist student loan borrowers once they enter repayment.



Presenter(s): Mary Dyer

Mary has worked in higher education for over 20 years. Currently, she serves as Financial Education Officer at the Finance Authority of Maine, providing college access, financial education and debt management support to Maine schools, and the students and families that they serve.

Before joining FAME, Mary worked as Assistant Director of Financial Aid at the University of Maine for seven years. Prior to that, she was Assistant Director of Financial Aid at College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine. She began her career at the University of Maine at Augusta.

In addition to her professional experience, Mary served as training chair for the Maine Association of Financial Aid Administrators for four years. She has also presented at several state, regional, and national conferences and has served as a trainer for the National Association of Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA).

In 2007, Mary was the recipient of the Candance Johnson Vinette Award for Distinguished Service to her profession.

For the past four years, Mary has served as President of the Maine Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy, a nonprofit volunteer-based organization that is dedicated to improving the financial capability of Maine children and young adults. Under her leadership, the Coalition was named 2014 State Coalition of the Year by the National Jump\$tart Coalition. Maine is the first state in New England to receive this important recognition.

Mary received her Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Maine at Augusta. She currently resides in Glenburn with her husband and two adorable boys, Cameron and Colby.

Breakout Descriptions Concurrent Session 4, cont.

Wednesday, January 7

9:55 am - 11:10 am

4-B: College Bound Veterans: Bumps and Bruises - Lessons Learned (EOC/SSS)

R1

Veteran counselors/advocates give a brief overview of stories that veterans have told about their college experience. Many veterans present in crisis – agitated and ready to drop out of college due to the process of getting into college and some with the struggles of transitioning into the civilian world at college and struggling with the change in thinking from the military life. Questions/answers time included.

Presenter(s): Teresa Clark, LCSW; Kathy Russin, LCSW

Teresa Clark, LCSW/LADC/CCS, Retired Navy, has worked in the VA System for 5 yrs. She received her Master's in Business Education in 2000 at UNH satellite in Brunswick, Maine and her Masters in Social Work in 2004 at UNE in Westbrook, Maine. She presently works at the Lewiston Vet Center working with combat veterans and military sexual trauma veterans. She actively supports the concept of thriving not just surviving military service. Many Vet Center clients attend colleges and universities throughout Maine.

Kathy Russin, LCSW

Military Sexual Assault Coordinator at Togus VA Medical Center.

Kathy served in the USN from 1979 – 1986 as a Weather Observer/Forecaster. She earned her LCSW from the University of Maine in 1996.

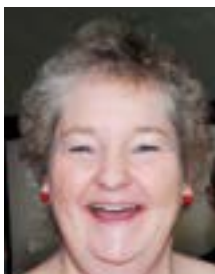
She served as the Iraq/Afghanistan Veteran Program Case Manager/Program Manager from 2007-2009 and was appointed the Military Sexual Trauma Program Coordinator and Therapist in 2009

Kathy has completed Post Graduate Certification at Smith College in Contemplative Clinical Practice and Spirituality in Social Work. She is also a Certified Trauma Sensitive Yoga Therapist teaching classes in the CDRP and Pain Clinic Programs and is certified in all of the recognized EBPs being offered within the VA – EMDR, CPT and PE. Her special Interests lie in working with high risk patients with complex trauma histories.

4-C: What Happens Next? Adolescent Mental Health Challenges (All)

R6

Kim-Anne Perkins will present an overview of the most common mental health concerns that could present themselves in a setting like Upward Bound. She will also facilitate discussion with audience on mental health situations they have dealt with and possible options for resolution.



Presenter(s): Kim-Anne Perkins

Kim-Anne Perkins is a Professor of Social Work at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. She was hired in 1991 to develop the Bachelor of Social Work program which has now graduated over 300 professionally trained social workers. Prior to her work as an academic, she was the Clinical Director for the Aroostook Medical Center inpatient Psychiatric Unit and the lead social worker for Community General Hospital. A 14th generation Maine native, Kim-Anne has been a leader in national social work policy development and settings standards for rural social work practice. Most recently, she has worked on redefining the concept of confidentiality and dual relationships as they exist in rural communities.

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Breakout Descriptions Concurrent Session 4, cont.

Wednesday, January 7

9:55 am - 11:10 am

4-D: SSS Grantwriting Work Session - A Labor of Love? (SSS)

TR

Review of SSS proposal drafts and exchange of your best ideas. This will be a hands-on work session during which SSS Directors or staff having grantwriting responsibilities will have an opportunity to brainstorm, review sections of grants etc. Please bring copies of sections you wish to have reviewed or questions/issues about which you'd like to have some input from other Directors.



Facilitator(s): Randy Schroeder

Randy has been with TRIO programs since 1997 at the University of New Hampshire. His primary role is with SSS, but he has been an instructor or group facilitator with UB for multiple Summers, runs the GRE preparation for the UNH McNair Program, and has great ties with ETS as well. Before TRIO, Randy was an academic advisor, ran a summer experiential program for aspiring teachers, and was a guidance counselor and coach at Connecticut High School. He is tremendously happy to serve as NEOA President this year and be able to work with TRIO in New England at the macro level, hoping to advance our many great causes.

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Large Group/Plenary Speakers



Dr. Jim Melcher – Getting the Journey Started

Tuesday, January 6, 8:30 - 8:55 am

Professor, Political Science and Pre-Law Adviser
University of Maine-Farmington

James P. Melcher is Professor of Political Science at the University of Maine at Farmington. He has taught there since 1999. Jim grew up in Madison, Wisconsin, where he graduated with a BA in Political Science and Geography from the University of Wisconsin in 1985. He went on to earn his Ph. D. in Political Science at the University of Minnesota in 1995, working on his doctoral thesis as the last student of legendary political parties scholar Frank Sorauf. (Jim likes to joke that he drove Dr. Sorauf into retirement). He has won six teaching awards in his career, has presented papers at numerous political science conventions, including the American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting, and has published in a variety of scholarly journals--among other writing. That other writing includes a book he co-wrote in 2012 with his friend Amy Fried of the University of Maine: *Tea Party Talk: The Governors: A Book of Quotations*. Jim and his wife Nancy Finnegan live in Augusta, Maine.

Large Group/Plenary Speakers

Rosa Redonnett, Chief Student Affairs Officer for the University of Maine System, panel moderator and organizer - Where are We Going with Student Success?

Tuesday, January 6, 12:15 - 1:15 pm

Panelists:

Sheri Fraser, Dean of Enrollment Services, University of Maine at Augusta

Elizabeth Higgins, Executive Director for Student Success, University of Southern Maine

Lorelei Locke, Director of Advising and Professional Advisor, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Maine at Presque Isle



Dr. Linda Schott – Proficiency-Based Education Goes to College!

Tuesday, January 6, 1:15 - 2:00 pm

President, University of Maine at Presque Isle

Dr. Linda Schott grew up on a cattle ranch in the Texas Hill Country. She attended Baylor University and received a B.A. in history and German in 1979. She then attended Stanford University, earning an M.A. in History in 1982 and a Ph.D. in History and Humanities in 1986. Dr. Schott returned to Texas to begin her teaching career, working first at Texas State University, then at Texas Lutheran University, and then at the University of Texas at San Antonio where she was an assistant and associate professor of history and American Studies as well as the Director of the Center for the Study of Women and Gender. In 2003, Dr. Schott moved to Eastern Michigan University as Director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program. In 2006 she became head of the Department of History and Philosophy as well as Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. In 2008, Dr. Schott began serving as the Dean of the School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. In 2012, Dr. Schott moved to Presque Isle, Maine as the eleventh president of the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

Dr. Schott is a specialist in intellectual history and the history of women in the United States. She has published several articles on women in Texas and in the peace movement and is also the author of *Reconstructing Women's Thoughts: The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 1915-1941*, published by Stanford University Press in 1997.

Dr. Schott is married to Thomas Fuhrmark and is the mother of four children: Decker, 23, who lives in Michigan; and Jack, Michael and Virginia who reside with her and Tom at the President's House on the UMPI campus. Dr. Schott enjoys hiking and camping with her family and relaxing at home with the family's dog Zora, and their four cats, Pouncer, Squeaky, Callie, and Honey.



NEOA Update – Randy Schroeder

Wednesday, January 7, 8:45 - 9:15 am

Randy has been with TRIO programs since 1997 at the University of New Hampshire. His primary role is with SSS, but he has been an instructor or group facilitator with UB for multiple Summers, runs the GRE preparation for the UNH McNair Program, and has great ties with ETS as well. Before TRIO, Randy was an academic advisor, ran a summer experiential program for aspiring teachers, and was a guidance counselor and coach at Connecticut High School. He is tremendously happy to serve as NEOA President this year and be able to work with TRIO in New England at the macro level, hoping to advance our many great causes.

Large Group/Plenary Speakers



*Angel Loredo – Maine Department of Education Update
Wednesday, January 7, 8:00 - 8:45 am*

Higher Education Specialist at the Maine Department of Education

In his role as the Higher Education Specialist at the Maine Department of Education, Angel Loredo will support development of higher education policy and oversee approval of educator preparation programming, additional degree granting for institutions of higher education and Maine proprietary schools. Loredo will work directly with the State Board of Education.

Loredo brings a passion for access to higher education and multicultural programming. He has gained his expertise working with professors and students at the University of Houston (Texas) and Southern Methodists University (Texas). Most recently, Loredo worked at the University of Maine where he served as the Associate Dean of Students and worked at the Wabanaki Center.

Loredo earned a Bachelor of Arts from St. Mary's University of San Antonio, a Masters in Liberal Studies from Southern Methodist University and is completing his doctorate at the University of Maine. He is excited about using his knowledge and skills in the context of higher education policy in Maine and having the opportunity to build solid PreK-16 connections for Maine students and educators.



*COE Government Relations – Kimberly Jones
Wednesday, January 7, 9:15 - 9:45 am*

Kimberly Jones serves as the Vice President for Public Policy at the Council for Opportunity in Education in Washington, DC. In this role, Ms. Jones advocates for the Federal TRIO Programs – educational support programs that enable low-income students to become the first in their families to obtain college degrees. Ms. Jones' select legislative accomplishments include securing a \$42 million increase for TRIO funding in FY 2014 – one of only nine programs within the Department of Education to receive virtually full restoration of funds lost to sequestration; and ensuring the inclusion of language in the 2008 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act to expand TRIO eligibility criteria to include students with limited English proficiency, students who are homeless or in foster care, teen parents, juvenile offenders, and federal reservists.

Prior to joining the Council for Opportunity in Education, Ms. Jones was an Associate in the Communications practice group at the law firm of Dow Lohnes, PLLC (now Cooley LLP), where she advised clients on a variety of broadcast and media law issues. Ms. Jones maintains various professional and civic memberships, including the Committee for Education Funding, of which she is President; the National Bar Association, which she serves as Legislative Standing Committee Chair; Black Women For..., a leadership development network for young women of color, which she serves as an Advisory Board Member; Women in Government Relations; the Women's Information Network; and the Washington Government Relations Group.

Kimberly Jones is a 2000 graduate of Yale University and a 2004 graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center. In 1999, Ms. Jones was named a Harry S. Truman Scholar.

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MEEOA Business Meeting – Kelly Ilseman
Wednesday, January 7, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Kelly Ann Ilseman serves as the Maine Educational Opportunity Association (MEEOA) President for the 2014-15 year, and served as President-Elect in 2013-14. She has worked for the University of Maine Upward Bound Math Science (UBMS) Program since the year 2001, starting as a Graduate Assistant during March 2001, and served in the role of Group Facilitator for a STEM Group Research Project, as well as an Individual Research Project Mentor during the summers. She has taught high school biology, chemistry, environmental science, and gym, and led student advisory groups at the South Shore Charter School in Norwell, Massachusetts, and worked as a tutor for students with special needs at Lexington High School. She has held various jobs in the sciences including Research Assistant at Jackson Laboratory and Assistant Greenhouse Manager at Lexington Farms. In July 2014, Kelly completed her 500-hour Yoga Teacher Training and has been teaching yoga in the Orono/Bangor area for over 5 years. She earned a Master's of Science in the Biology of Human Nutrition in May 2014 and received her Master's of Science and Environmental Education in 2003, both from the University of Maine in Orono. Her Bachelor's degree was completed in 1998 from Gordon College in Biology, with a minor in English Literature.



Christy Daggett – The State of Higher Education Funding: Road for the Future in Maine?
Wednesday, January 7, 12:15 - 1:15 pm

Policy Analyst, Maine Center for Economic Policy

Christy leads the Maine Center for Economic Policy's research on the impact of college affordability proposals on low-income and working adult students. Prior to joining MECEP she served as a project coordinator and health educator at the Maine Center for Disease Control Colorectal Cancer Control Program and as a data analyst with Maine Health's Childhood Immunization Data Project. Christy has a master's in public policy and management from the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine and a BA from the University of Maine. She is a proud Aroostook County native.

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